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Sale of Property in New York Will Bring Gladness to a Poor

New York, Dec. 14 .- A fortune of \$240,000 yesterday came to a woman's 36-inch telescope. The rill is in the hands through an investigation in which she took no interest and of which she was unaware. Through the sale of the Beck estate tract in The in length, extending through the cen-Bronx by J. Clarence Davies for the ter of the valley. It can be seen only Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, as under good atmospheric conditions and and Trust company, it became known that in searching title to the property a deed was discovered by which a woman, who was not thought to be part owner of the tract parcel, owned onefifth of the tract. The fortunate woman is the wife of Charles Becker, of the firm of Becker & Martin, of this their matchless merit for Sick and

The discovery, which was made by the Title Guarantee and Trust com- 25 cents, money back if not cured. pany, searcher of the title, has placed Sold by Chas. Rogers Druggist. in her hands \$240,000, for the sum paid for the property yesterday was \$1,200,-000 cash. It is the largest all cash transaction in Bronx property reported in many years. Not only did the searching of the title result in turning over to Mrs. Becker \$240,000, but it realized for the other owners of of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the the tract, the New-York and Presbyterian hospitals, Columbia university, drug store. the Society for the Prevention of Crime, of which the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst is president, and the Board of Home Mission of the Presbyterian church, many more thousands of dollars than if the property had been sold some years ago.

Up to two years ago it was thought that the five institutions each owned one-fifth interest in the property. At that time it was agreed that the tract should be sold. A real estate broker appraised the property at about \$800 .- Franteovich & Francisovich 000. There was then no purchasing movement in The Bronx, and if the tract had been sold then the helrs would have obtained for their one fifth interest about 112,000 each, and Mrs. Becker about \$160,000. But the finding of the deed, the work of perfecting title and the withdrawal of the property from the market held the property intact until the present unexpired time for selling. The institutions will now get about \$192,000 each.

The Beck tract was originally owned by the Bathgate estate. In 1893 the tract was left by will to Charles Beck, bachelor. In 1895 he died and left a will by the terms of which the property was to be divided equally between the five institutions.

Mrs. Becker was a Miss Bathgate. Her father held for some time a onefifth interest in the property. He had a deed drawn transferring that interest to his wife. Somehow the deed was placed in a strong box, and remained forgotten until the Title Guarantee and Trust company found that there was no record of Mrs. Bathgate having transferred her one-fifth interest in the property. A further search led to the finding of the deed.

THE JERSEY LILY.

Mrs. Langtry's Ppularity Transferred to Another.

London, Dec. 14 .- The fact that Sir Henry de Bathe, whose eldest son married Mrs. Langtry, will soon have another handsome daughter-in-law has set society to asking how this development will affect the Jersey Lily. whose lot, just at present is far from being an enviable one. Hugo de Bathe's pounger brother has become engaged to the beautiful Violet Wood. who is almost as well known to American as to English society mo-

Nothwithstanding the extent which she once had the world at her feet, Mrs. Langtry is now sorrowfully watching the sea of admiration and worship recede from her. And the bitterness of her disappointment is leaving its mark upon her.

Her beautiful home in Chelsea has been given up, all the treasures with which it was crowded have been sold off and she has taken apartments at the Savoy hotel to remain in the center of things.

As if to supplement these private troubles, Mrs. Langtry has been re turning from race meetings with stories of continued losses,

It was the opening night of her last fortnight's tour that brought to Mrs Langtry what seemed to be the last straw. Used as she always has been "opening" in the provinces or in London to be overwhelmed with letters and telegrams from old friends, she waited in vain for word from them.

Divided the Snag.

Moscow, Dec. 14.-In a plain deal coffin carried on a tradesman's cart the body of Dmitri Ragoskin, aged 104 years, was today borne its last rest

at Kharkoff. Very different was the funeral planned by Ragoskin for himself. For the last seventy years every penny he saved was to remain intact until the day of his death in order to provide him with the most magnificent funeral possible. When Ragoskin died his relatives sold the gorgeous coffin and silken shrouds and divided among themselves the \$15,000 accumulated for the funeral.

MOON IS CRACKED.

Big Dent Made in the Great Heavenly Body.

Berkeley, Cal. Dec. 14.-The discovery of a great crack or rill on the face of the moon which extends likewise through the valley of the Alps for a distance of 80 miles is one of the facts announced in the latest bulletin issued from the Lick observatory. The rill on the moon was discovered by Assistant Astronomer J. B. Perrine with the nature of a crack in the moon's crust, or of a dry river bed, only a few hundred feet in width and some 80 miles trustee, to the Central Reality Bond when the sun is shining upon it at the proper angle.

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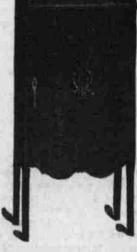
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